Weekly Police Beat for the week ending October 26, 2018

Would-be Thief Thwarted by Locked Cars on Grafton Street

Bravo to the homeowners; they are helping to prevent crime!

At 6:11 a.m. on Thursday, October 25, 2018, the private security camera system belonging to residents on the middle block of Grafton Street captured a thief as he unsuccessfully tried to open the doors of two cars parked in their driveway.

The video (see still images from the video below) shows the thief walking deep into the resident's driveway and pulling on the driver's door handle; the car was locked and the thief then walked away toward the street. On his way out, the thief tried to get into a second car parked in the driveway by pulling on the front passenger door handle. That car, too, was locked. The thief left without stealing anything.

As of this writing, Village Police have not received any reports of thefts from cars that occurred overnight Wednesday/Thursday.

The homeowners in this case are to be commended for their contributions to public safety and crime prevention in the Village. When thieves are denied the opportunity to steal, they move on and they will be discouraged from returning. Further, these residents invested in a video security system that gave the police (and our community) valuable information about what occurred while much of the neighborhood was still asleep.

Residents are encouraged to follow the example of the homeowners in this case. Please lock your car every time you park, and consider installing web-based video cameras on the exterior of your home. They are effective and relatively inexpensive.



